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**CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT BOARD**  
**NOTICE REGARDING APPLICATION**  
**FOR CJA PANELS**

THE FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT BOARD ACCEPTS APPLICATIONS FOR POSITIONS ON THE DISTRICT COURT CJA PANEL LISTS FOR APPOINTMENT TO INDIGENT CASES ANNUALLY. THE APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS GENERALLY TAKES PLACE IN THE SPRING EACH YEAR. NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL APPLICATION DEADLINE IS PUBLISHED IN LAWYERS WEEKLY AND ON THE COURT'S INTERNET WEB SITE AT [WWW.MAD.USCOURTS.GOV](http://WWW.MAD.USCOURTS.GOV).

A PANEL MEMBER MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM CRITERIA:

1. BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE BAR OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS AND THE BAR OF THE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT.
2. HAVE AT LEAST FIVE YEARS EXPERIENCE AS A MEMBER OF THE BAR.
3. HAVE SUFFICIENT EXPERIENCE TO FURNISH HIGH QUALITY REPRESENTATION TO CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS IN FEDERAL COURT.
4. BE FAMILIAR WITH (A) THE FEDERAL RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE; (B) THE FEDERAL RULES OF EVIDENCE; (C) THE BAIL REFORM ACT OF 1984, AS AMENDED; AND (D) THE FEDERAL SENTENCING GUIDELINES.
5. DEMONSTRATE AN INTEREST AND EXPERIENCE IN THE PRACTICE OF CRIMINAL LAW, OR HAVE OTHER EQUIVALENT EXPERIENCE.

IN DEVELOPING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE LISTS, THE BOARD FOCUSES ON DEMONSTRATED ABILITY TO PROVIDE ABLE REPRESENTATION. WHILE IT IS EXPECTED THAT MOST OF THOSE RECOMMENDED FOR THE CJA PANEL WILL HAVE PRIOR EXPERIENCE IN CRIMINAL CASES, SUCH EXPERIENCE IS NOT ESSENTIAL.

FROM AMONG THOSE CONSIDERED TO BE WELL-QUALIFIED, THE BOARD WILL SEEK TO RECOMMEND A CJA PANEL WHICH IS SENSITIVE TO THE DIVERSITY OF THE DEFENDANT POPULATION IT WILL BE SERVING AND TO ENSURE THAT WOMEN ARE FULLY REPRESENTED IN THE PANEL'S MEMBERSHIP.

THE BOARD IS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN RECEIVING APPLICATIONS FROM ATTORNEYS WITH SPANISH LANGUAGE SKILLS. FOR ATTORNEYS WHO LACK CRIMINAL DEFENSE EXPERIENCE IN FEDERAL COURT, THE BOARD OPERATES A MENTORING PROGRAM.

THE APPLICATION FORM IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AND PRINTING ON THE COURT'S INTERNET WEB SITE AT [WWW.MAD.USCOURTS.GOV](http://WWW.MAD.USCOURTS.GOV).

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT LIAISONS TO THE CJA BOARD INCLUDE: DISTRICT JUDGE MARK L. WOLF, MAGISTRATE JUDGE ROBERT B. COLLINGS AND HELEN M. COSTELLO, PROJECTS MANAGER.